

Eligibility Information System Maintenance**FY2008 Request: \$412,800****Reference No: AMD42856****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Category:** Health/Human Services**Location:** Statewide**House District:** Statewide**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2007 - 06/30/2012**Project Type:** Information Systems**Contact:** Janet Clarke**Contact Phone:** (907)465-1630**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

This project is a request for programming support to assist department staff with a substantial backlog of Eligibility Information Systems work requests for the Division of Public Assistance. The work requests are a mix of changes required by federal or state regulation and updates needed to improve reporting, system accuracy and efficiency for management and field staff in determining initial and ongoing eligibility for public assistance programs. The backlog of work requests are prioritized by division and department management.

Funding:	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	Total
Fed Rcpts	\$154,800	\$154,800	\$154,800				\$464,400
G/F Match	\$154,800	\$154,800	\$154,800				\$464,400
Gen Fund	\$103,200	\$103,200	\$103,200				\$309,600
Total:	\$412,800	\$412,800	\$412,800	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,238,400

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
50% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

This is the first year of the project.

Project Description/Justification:

The purpose of the project is to make changes to the Public Assistance Eligibility Information System (EIS) that are required by federal or state regulation, and to update the system to improve reporting, system accuracy, and to increase efficiency of management and field staff in determining initial and ongoing eligibility for public assistance programs.

The Department of Health and Social Services has accumulated a significant backlog of maintenance programming to its EIS mainframe ADABAS/Cobol system. This project will fund contract staff to assist the agency with the programming backlog. The work funded by this request will improve timeliness and accuracy of eligibility decisions and benefits for cash, food, child care, work services and medical assistance.

If the project is not approved, the department would not be able to complete maintenance programming to the EIS that ranges from notices, reports, added functionality, and program fixes to updates that reflect changes in state and federal law and regulations.

Department's Mission: *To promote and protect the health and well being of Alaskans.* This project supports the Department's mission by improving accuracy and efficiency when determining eligibility for public assistance programs and by keeping the eligibility information system in compliance with laws and regulations, all of which improves delivery of assistance that maintains the well being of Alaskans.

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The end result to which this project contributes is "Low income families and individuals become economically self-sufficient."